

St. John the Evangelist



Established 1866

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WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

Please introduce yourselves. We hope to know and serve you. We hope you become an active part of our Parish Community.

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**Carol Zani, 1-6
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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 PM
8:00 and 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday - Wednesday & Friday 9:00 AM
No Mass on Thursday
Saturday 8:00 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES:

See inside bulletin for Holy Day Mass schedule

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Second and fourth Sundays of the month at 12 Noon
Please call for information

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 8:30-9:15 AM in the lower church

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arranged at least 6 months in advance

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR

Brendan Kenney
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508-435-3313x214

PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

All copy must be submitted in writing no later than Monday noon. (Holiday weeks may require a longer lead time.)

ST. JOHN'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For those that need a little help,
please call: 508-435-3313x207



So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." - Jn 18:37

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, December 2, 2018:
Jer 33:14-16/ Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/ 1Thes 3:12--4:2/ Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

MASS+ INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

5:00 PM Moyek Reyes

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9:00 AM Sam and Sadie Tocco

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

9:00 AM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:00 AM Geno Spinosa

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:00 AM Jose Dias

5:00 PM For the sanctity of human life

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM Philip J. McGrath (living)

6:30 PM Rosemary McGrath

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25—NO CLASSES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

2:10 PM Grade 6

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 & 5

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 & 5

6:30 PM Grade 8

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

4:15 PM Grade 2

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

5:00 PM Grade 10

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

There will be a holy hour of Divine Mercy **every Monday** from 6:30-7:30PM in the lower church. All are welcome.

Winter Weather Notice: Please note that if Hopkinton schools are canceled or delayed due to the weather, there will be no morning daily Mass.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church
NEXT Saturday, December 1.

2nd collection **THIS** weekend
 Retired Religious Sisters

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Mass at 7PM on Friday, December 7

Advent Evening of Prayer

Please join us for an Advent Evening of Prayer with Fr. Robert Lacombe on **Thursday, December 13, at 7PM** in the lower chapel. There will also be opportunity for confession.

Grand Annual

We have recently sent a mailing to all parishioners asking for contributions to the 2018 Grand Annual collection. The Grand Annual is the single most important component of the parish budget after the regular offertory collections. Last fall we raised over \$49,500 for the operating expenses of the Parish and this year's goal is \$60,000. Please pray about what you can do and return your pledge or contribution by December 1st and 2nd, which will be our Grand Annual Weekend.

Luke 12:34, Matthew 6:21 *"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."*

St. Vincent de Paul Society Needs Your Help

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is looking for help at Christmas. We need parishioners to play Santa to a number of families. We can also use gift card donations—Target, Walmart, and gas cards are helpful. Please contact Colleen at 508-497-9144 for further information and to volunteer.

GRACES BEYOND BELIEF

At every Holy Mass, we enter into the timeless reality of the perfect and acceptable sacrifice of Christ to the Father for our sake. And from that sacrifice, immeasurable graces flow for all people and especially for those for whom the Mass is being offered. This is particularly the case for the faithful departed who may be undergoing purification in Purgatory to prepare them for the joy of Heaven. We can offer the Holy Souls no better comfort and solace than to attend a Mass for them, or have Masses said for them.

—Holy Souls Crusade

Love Should Not Die at Death

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows the 9AM Mass in the lower church every Friday, beginning with the Litany to our Blessed Mother. The *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* is recited at 11:45AM followed by *Benediction*.
Please feel free to drop in for a visit.



Rest in Peace

Charles R. Fitzgerald

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to the Parish, please introduce yourself. We want to know and serve you. We hope you will support your parish with your prayers, your presence and your talents. Please call the Parish Office (435-3313x203) to register.

Please Remember in Prayer

Please pray for Anthony Khalife and Brody McDermott, seriously ill young people in need of healing.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ROSARY



On Wednesday evenings at **6PM in the lower chapel**, the rosary will be offered. This will be held every Wednesday evening throughout the year. Please feel free to come on down, and don't be afraid to let your children join in. Rosary booklets will be made available for those who need a refresher in this beautiful Marian devotion.

CATHOLIC RETREAT FOR MEN

Saturday, December 15, 10AM-5PM

Betania II, Medway, Mass.

Retreat Director: Rev. Edward A. Murphy

Guest Speakers: Mr. Joseph Sollecito and Rev. Brian Kean

Confessions will be available

\$50 cost includes a hot lunch

Reservations required prior to retreat at www.betania2.org.

Call 508-533-5377 for further information.

AGAPE GATHERING

Welcome all High School students to the next AGAPE!!

THIS Saturday, December 1, 6:30-8PM at the Lane Family home, 13 Longwood Drive, Hopkinton

AGAPE offers all High School students an opportunity to continue their journey in their Catholic Faith in a way that is unique, relevant and FUN!! Each month's theme is aimed at teaching and inspiring you to respond to God's grace in circumstances of your daily life and ultimately bring you to a deeper, more dynamic relationship with God and the Catholic Faith. The group usually meets for two hours once a month on Saturday nights in people's homes for pizza/dessert, fellowship, videos, activities, and large/small group discussion. We are delighted to be able to begin our 5th year with this program. It's designed to accommodate everyone's busy schedules as it is not necessary to attend every gathering in order to benefit! Come when you can and bring a friend or two!! If you have any questions, please contact: Meg Gaughan at hpagape@gmail.com, Heather Petruney at petruneyh@gmail.com, or Linda Lane at lindalane13@verizon.net.

Thank You!

Thank you to the Hopkinton Networkers Group for their generous donation to St. John's, earmarked for equipment for the Parish Center.



Middle School Youth Group

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Glow in the Dark Epiphany Party, Friday, evening, **January 11, 2019**. Stay tuned for more details to come.

High School Youth Group

Next Youth Leadership Team Meeting: Sunday, Dec. 3 at 7:15PM in the lower church. All high school youth and adults interested in helping to plan events are welcome to attend.

Thursday, December 13: Mission Trip 2019 Information Night at 7PM in the parish center. Come find out more information about our upcoming June mission trip. This is NOT the sign up meeting. That will be on January 10.

St. John's Middle School Youth Group

Thanks You!

Thank you all very much for your support of our Middle School Youth Group. The bake sale this past Sunday was a huge success. This is our one fundraiser and we were able to raise \$355. This money helps offset costs to our student members for different activities as well as purchasing items we may need for different service projects. Thanks to all those that baked and those that helped at the sale.

HS Youth Group Bottles & Cans Collection

St. John's HS Youth Group will be collecting bottles and cans again **THIS Saturday, December 1, from 10AM-2PM** at the Train Depot on West Main Street at Ice House Pond. The collections from these drives help fund the different activities for the HS Youth Group including our annual mission trip. Your help is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or for more information, please contact Liam Maginnis (Imaginnis@hillers.org or 508-435-9615).



What: A Winter Wonderland Party for your little ones sponsored by St. John's Youth Group to benefit the 2019 Mission Trip.

When: Saturday, December 8, 12-4PM

Sign up by Monday, December 4

Who: We can take 50 children, ages 3 and up on a first-come, first-serve basis, so sign up today!

Cost: \$20 per child, \$30 family maximum

How to sign up: Complete google form and permission slip at: <https://goo.gl/forms/Y4qrlBOaGUK6prXw1>

Activities Include: crafts, games, movie, face-painting, entertainment, cookie decorating, fun!

Questions: stjohnythmin@gmail.com



FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please pray for the children, their families and their catechists who are preparing for their first confession in the coming months.

NOVEMBER 25, 2018

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Daniel 7: 13-14; Psalm 93: 1-2, 5; Revelation 1: 5-8;

John 18: 33-37

In today's reading from John's Gospel, Jesus acknowledges his kingship to Pilate; but tells Pilate that his kingdom is not here. Part of the meaning of those words is that Jesus' kingdom is like no other; and as a king, Jesus is like no other that ever was or ever will be. What makes Jesus and his kingdom like no other? Jesus' kingdom is a kingdom of priests, eternal, a kingdom of unimaginable dimensions. As a king Jesus came humbly to serve all, to take on flesh and blood, to suffer and die to save us. Yet, at the right hand of the Father, he is in eternal glory, and he intercedes for us, sends forth his Spirit to strengthen and console us. He is the only King to whom it is worth giving our lives.

In Colossians 1:15 and following, Saint Paul says about Jesus that "He is the image of the invisible God...all things were created through him and for him...He is before all things...head of the ...Church...in him all fullness was pleased to dwell...making peace by the blood of his cross."

Jesus told Pilate that he came to testify to the truth; and that all who belong to the truth listen to him. That is the calling we all have, to belong to the truth, to listen to his voice, to follow his way, to be part of the eternal Kingdom of God. We need to ask ourselves whether we are going to listen to and follow the deteriorating kingdoms and philosophies of this world, all of which are subject to futility and corruption, or are we going to listen to and follow the Way, the Truth, and the Life?

**Bridges of Mercy for
Healing after Abortion**

Read the full version at uscgb.org/killing-the-pain.

Maria,* Vanessa, Li, Jennifer, and Darryl are among the tens of millions of Americans whose lives have been directly touched by abortion. Like so many others, they have experienced regret, guilt, and grief. But, as they have also experienced, God's healing love and mercy are always possible.

Many Catholics want to help women

and men who have experienced

abortion, but some don't know how

to begin. Visit [uscgb.org/bridges-of-](http://uscgb.org/bridges-of-mercy)

-mercy to learn how people from

various walks of life can assist friends, family members, fellow

parishioners, clients—or perhaps even themselves. Also, be

aware that the U.S. Church's Project Rachel Ministry for healing after abortion offers confidential, compassionate help. Visit

HopeAfterAbortion.org.

***Life is a gift from
God, and so is
His mercy.***

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